

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELMONT
AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A VOLUNTARY PAYROLL
DEDUCTION PROGRAM FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CITY EMPLOYEES**

WHEREAS, local officials are generally in a better position than State government to make decisions governing local affairs; and

WHEREAS, measures enacted through the state legislative process, as well as by statewide ballot initiatives, over the past 20 years have produced the unintended consequences of destabilizing city finances and have weakened the ability of city residents to govern local affairs through their elected community representatives; and

WHEREAS, the State of California is currently using over \$700 million *each year* in city revenues to balance the state budget; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislative Analyst's Office has projected that the state is facing a structural budget deficit of over \$10 billion per year over the next five years, and city services and revenues are at risk of further state raids; and

WHEREAS, several statewide commissions and study groups are preparing recommendations for local government reform which may be considered by the voters through the initiative process, and cities may wish to propose changes proactively, as well; and

WHEREAS, many of the "local government reform" changes proposed by others which may appear on a statewide ballot are likely to further weaken constitutional protections of local self-determination; and

WHEREAS, Action For Better Cities was created by the Board of Directors of the League of California Cities to advocate for the protection of local revenues; and

WHEREAS, Action for Better Cities has established the "Save Our Services" (SOS) Fund to finance the cost of any statewide ballot measure campaign to preserve and protect city services and revenues; and

WHEREAS, elected officials and employees in local government have the opportunity to provide leadership in Action For Better Cities through voluntary financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, monies collected by Action For Better Cities shall be limited to those programs and efforts intended specifically for strengthening the position of local government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Belmont that:

1. There is hereby established a Voluntary Payroll Deduction Program.
2. Any member of the City Council and any employee of the City of Belmont is eligible to participate in the Program.
3. The purpose of the Program is to allow a member of the City Council or an employee of the City to direct the City of Belmont to remit a portion of their salary to the "Save our Services" Fund of Action for Better Cities.

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4. Donor participation shall be voluntary and confidential. No documents reflecting participation or non-participation shall be placed in an employee's personnel records.

5. The City Manager is directed to do all things necessary and proper to implement the Program established by this Resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Belmont at a regular meeting thereof held on January 14, 2003 by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

NOES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSTAIN, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

CLERK of the City of Belmont

APPROVED:

MAYOR of the City of Belmont

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